

# HAZARDOUS & TOXIC MATERIAL COMMITTEE

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In December 1999, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued the Chronic Beryllium Disease Prevention Program Final Rule (10CFR 850), establishing new worker protection requirements for areas where beryllium is present. Complete implementation of the rule is not required until January 2002, but the worker part of the rule is being implemented across the DOE complex.

Rocky Flats is implementing the rule through Chapter 28 of the Occupational Safety and Industrial Safety and Industrial Hygiene Program Manual. The rule requires medical surveillance, testing and an evaluation program for workers who have been or may have been exposed to beryllium. It also requires that opportunities for any exposure to beryllium contamination be minimized and sets surface and airborne levels. Chapter 28 will meet or exceed the requirements of the DOE order.

Local 8031 has participated in all areas of the development of the beryllium program where worker safety is concerned. This is being done through Local 8031's Hazardous & Toxic Material Committee and the JCUSC, as well as active participation on the Beryllium Steering Committee, the Advisory Committee at National Jewish Hospital, the Beryllium Institutional Review Board and the Contamination Control Improvement Team.

*Employees who may be eligible for compensation under the Energy Employee Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act showed up in force for the informational meetings held by the Labor and Energy departments at the DoubleTree Hotel in Westminster on July 19.*







